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**CPUC TO HOLD PUBLIC FORUMS ON  
LIBERTY CALPECO'S RATE REQUEST**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6, 2019 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold public forums for customers of Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) to give their perspective and input to the CPUC regarding the utility's rate case request, as follows:

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>
July 24, 2019, 7 p.m.	North Tahoe Event Center – Timberline Suite 8318 N. Lake Blvd., Kings Beach, CA 96143 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Listen-only phone line: 877-988-5730, passcode 8753051; those listening remotely can email their comments during and after the public forum to <a href="mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov">public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov</a></li><li>• A Spanish translator will be available</li></ul>
July 25, 2019, 7 p.m.	South Lake Tahoe City Hall – Council Chambers 1901 Airport Rd., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Live-stream: <a href="https://twitter.com/californiapuc">https://twitter.com/californiapuc</a>; comments will be accepted on Twitter during the duration of the forum</li><li>• Those watching remotely can also email their comments during and after the public forum to <a href="mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov">public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov</a></li></ul>
July 26, 2019, 5 p.m.	Truckee Community Recreational Center – Meeting Room 10981 Truckee Way, Truckee, CA 96161 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Live-stream: <a href="https://twitter.com/californiapuc">https://twitter.com/californiapuc</a>; comments will be accepted on Twitter during the duration of the forum</li><li>• Those watching remotely can also email their comments during and after the public forum to <a href="mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov">public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov</a></li></ul>



These public forums, called Public Participation Hearings, will begin with a brief presentation on the proceeding and an overview of Liberty CalPeco's rate request; then public comments will be heard. The CPUC Administrative Law Judge assigned to this proceeding is scheduled to write a Proposed Decision in the case for CPUC Commissioner consideration by the end of 2019.

The CPUC welcomes attendance and comment on Liberty CalPeco's rate request at these public forums, as public comments will help the CPUC reach an informed decision.

Remote access is available for certain forums to provide additional methods of access. Customers who cannot attend a public forum in person can listen/watch one of the forums that offers remote access.

For those unable to attend in person, written comments may be submitted to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102, or via email to [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov). Please refer to proceeding number A.18-012-001 on any written or email correspondence. All public comments received are provided to the CPUC's Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the proceeding.

Liberty CalPeco provides electric service to approximately 49,000 customers in California, in and around the Lake Tahoe Basin. The utility's customers are located in portions of Alpine, El Dorado, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, and Sierra Counties.

On December 3, 2018, Liberty CalPeco submitted an application requesting CPUC approval to increase its rates by \$6.718 million (or 8 percent) in 2019; by \$5.859 million (or 6.47 percent) in 2020; and by \$3.823 million (or 3.96 percent) in 2021. In total, the increases would amount to \$16.4 million (or 18.43 percent) over three years from 2019 through 2021. Because a decision for the proceeding is not expected to come before the end of 2019, Liberty CalPeco will track expenses for cost recovery in a memorandum account for 2019.

According to Liberty CalPeco, main contributors to the rate increase include cost recovery for the investments the utility is making to install new and upgraded distribution facilities and other



infrastructure, and a request to increase the return on equity. Additionally, the rate adjustments requested include increases for its vegetation management program, transportation electrification program, energy efficiency programs, and the solar initiative program.

This proceeding is referred to as Liberty Utilities' General Rate Case (GRC). A GRC is a public proceeding at the CPUC that most utilities go through every three years. GRCs enable the CPUC to set the revenue a utility will collect from its consumers through rates. You can learn more about utility GRCs in our video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRksVgvkc-Y>.

In authorizing a revenue requirement, the CPUC closely scrutinizes the activities of the utility company to ensure it receives the necessary funds to provide safe and reliable service to customers, and to allow the company to maintain and replace its aging infrastructure, but at a reasonable cost to its ratepayers.

While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken on this matter at the public forums.

The Ruling setting these public forums is available at:

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M296/K255/296255704.PDF>.

Documents related to this proceeding are available at:

[https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5\\_PROCEEDING\\_SELECT:A1812001](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A1812001).

If specialized accommodations are needed to attend, such as non-English or sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov) or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least three business days in advance of the public forum.

For more information on public forums, please see [www.cpuc.ca.gov/PPH](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PPH).

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